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Local wakeboarder Gavin Hicks competes during the Red Bull highest ollie competition. For more photos and story see page 17.

County burns while weather stays dry

By **Matthew Desrosiers**

Dry conditions across the province have firefighters scrambling to control blazes burning throughout the county.

Fire Chief Miles Maughan said the lack of rain, combined with residents not paying attention has led to a significantly higher number of fires this year over last.

In 2011, Haliburton County experienced two brush fires, resulting in 41 man-hours of work to put out the blazes. So far in 2012, that number is up to eight brush fires and 355 man-hours.

"We've been quite busy with them," Maughan said. "The conditions are [just] right, that you go to a fire that should be one hour to put out, but it takes three because it's so dry."

On July 23, a fire on Norah's Island on Kennis Lake took firefighters four hours and approximately 20,000 gallons of water to put out. Maughan said the fire would normally have only taken an hour to put out if not for the dry conditions.

To lighten the number of fires, Maughan and the other fire chiefs implemented a county-wide fire ban on July 9.

However, not everyone is getting the message, he said. The fire department has responded to 12 incidents of controlled burning where residents have set fires despite the ban.

"We're trying to advertise to be careful doing anything outside that could start a fire," he said. "[We're] trying to educate people that we're not doing this because it's something that we want."

"It's [the ban] only happened two or three times since I've been the fire chief."

Despite the increased workload, Maughan said his firefighters are up to the task. However, a lot of people don't realize how supportive the business community has been in dealing with these fires.

"We've been quite fortunate that the employers let them [volunteer firefighters] go as well as they do," he said. "That's one of our biggest concerns. If you misuse that, the more fires you go to, then the more these people are away from work. Sooner or later, they're going to say 'no, we can't have that anymore.'"

"It's a concern for us."

At the regular Dysart et al council meeting on July 23, Reeve Murray Fearrey said people who are caught burning will pay the price.

"How obvious do we have to make it that there is a fire ban," he said. "Surely, anyone with any common sense would know that it is not safe to start a campfire at the moment."

Anyone found to have started a brush fire will now be charged \$350 per hour, per fire truck needed to put out the blaze.

Maughan said people who see others burning in spite of the fire ban should call 911 to report them, even if they are neighbours.

"People are hesitant about calling 911, but that's how serious this is."

Other fires in the county this year have included seven structure fires, five of which resulted in the complete destruction of the building.

With files from Will Jones.

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Photo by Lisa Harrison

A Ministry of Natural Resources medium helicopter, one of several flown out of Haliburton/Stanhope airport to battle multiple fires fueled by extended dry weather.

Fires spark rise in airport fuel sales

By Lisa Harrison

Fuel sales at the Haliburton/Stanhope Municipal Airport have soared dramatically over the past two months due in great part to increased activity by Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) fire services.

Airport manager Duane Hicks reported June fuel sales to Algonquin Highlands council at their July 19 meeting. Those numbers were blown away in the first three weeks of July, he said.

In June the airport sold 10,160 litres of Jet A fuel, predominantly for MNR medium and heavy helicopters, compared to 4,022 litres the previous year.

"Now we're going through that in a week," said Hicks. He had already arranged with the Township treasurer to begin billing bi-monthly and was considering requesting weekly billing.

Responding to Ward 1 Councillor Gord Henderson's question about sales margins, Hicks said he was happy with the margins on both the Jet A fuel and the low-lead fuel used by lighter aircraft.

The airport is achieving higher margins on the jet fuel due to volume purchasing, and the reasonable low-lead price

is drawing more traffic so it remains cost-effective while supporting local pilots and travellers.

Hicks said jet fuel sales continue to rise as the MNR is "consistently bringing in crews from the north" to battle local fires springing up despite the county-wide fire ban issued July 9.

"In the past seven days we've sold 15,000 litres of Jet A, and usually we wouldn't do 30,000 in a year."

Low-lead fuel sales to date have already jumped to 2.5 times higher than usual annual sales. Hicks attributed that increase to good fuel pricing and good weather – local pilots are flying more and the airport is seeing more cottager, flight school and destination traffic.

At the July 19 meeting Hicks also discussed, and councillors accepted, the sole eligible bid to install a fuel card-lock system which supports payment via either a special card or a credit card, thereby streamlining billing.

Kardtech Inc. submitted a bid of \$27,911.00 including HST, within the budgeted \$30,000.00. Hicks and Chief Administrative Officer Angie Bird recommended acceptance, reporting that Kardtech is a well-respected firm that offers 24/7 technical and emergency support and service.

Dysart council green lights arena project

By Will Jones

The Dysart arena renovation will go ahead after a decision was reached at the Dysart et al regular meeting on July 23.

Work will start as soon as possible, the hope being that some of the winter sports season will be salvaged, said Reeve Murray Fearrey.

"We feel bad about the inconvenience to minor hockey, figure skaters and everyone else who uses the arena," he said. "By moving ahead as quickly as possible with the renovation works we hope to have ice again at some point this winter, maybe late January or early February."

The reeve outlined council's decision to renovate the arena rather than raze and rebuild, stating that in these uncertain economic times, he did not believe that embarking on a project that could cost \$5-7 million would be sensible, when the cost of a renovation would be around \$1.1 million.

"I have taken calls to consider a much larger arena construction project but we had engineers look at the current building and they tell me that it is perfectly sound, with an expected lifespan of another 25 years or more," he explained. "Coupled with that is the fact that there aren't pots of funding to be had from federal or provincial government. Therefore we've decided to get on and renovate the interior of the building."

The council passed resolutions at the meeting to employ architect Duncan Ross, Kontek Engineering and Quinan Construction to move forward immediately with the project. "We now need a fast-track permit process put in place and a meeting to tie down the wish list for the arena as soon as possible," said Ross.

He also cautioned there could be no setting of completion dates until the concrete slab on which the ice sits has been removed and an assessment made of what's underneath.

Council will apply for funding from the Federal Economic Development Agency to assist with the arena renovation work, under its community infrastructure improvement fund.

Fearrey said the funding will only apply to renovations and improvements to the existing building.

"People seem to think that there is endless government money for new projects," he said. "Well there isn't. We will only be able to apply for one third of the renovation project cost."

CAO Tamara Wilbee stated that the municipality will seek to borrow the remainder of the cost of the project.

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Tower makes application list for new funding up to \$1 M

By Lisa Harrison

Dorset Lookout Tower upgrades are among the projects Algonquin Highlands council is considering in application for new federal government funding of up to \$1 million.

Parks, Recreation and Trails Manager Mark Coleman introduced the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF) opportunity and provided an extensive list of key eligible projects for council's consideration at its July 19 meeting.

Launched July 5, the CIIF will provide \$150 million nationally over two years to support improvements to and/or expansion of existing infrastructure such as community centres, recreational buildings and cultural facilities. Ontario's portion is \$49.6 million. Successful applicants may receive up to \$1 million.

Municipalities can submit applications for multiple projects but must identify their top application. Priority will be given to projects demonstrating anticipated economic benefits, including potential job creation and the use of new technologies and innovation.

"Over the last year or so I've had a couple of conversations with members of the Dorset Community Partnership [Fund] about the tower, so my pet in this list is the tower, I think it meets all the criteria," said Reeve Carol Moffatt. "They've got a lot of ideas, it's economically viable. We need to do more, we've been talking about doing more with the tower for years."

Deputy Reeve Liz Danielsen agreed, saying the tower project would have the greatest economic impact and best meet the criteria. While disagreeing about whether the tower or Dorset Recreation Centre topped the list, ultimately councillors agreed on improvements to the tower and recreation centre and

replacement of the aging playground equipment at Alvin Johnson Park as the top three eligible projects.

The tower work includes road repair, parking expansion, toilets, painting, relocation of the gatehouse, relocation of the FC Towerman's Cabin to the tower, and costs associated with recent proposals for a webcam and for high-speed internet service, all estimated at \$250,000. The recreation centre work, estimated at \$75,000, includes replacement of the gym floor, new weight room floor covering and upgraded air conditioning. Replacing the playground equipment at Alvin Johnson Park was estimated at \$60,000.

Coleman reported the Township currently has about \$180,000 in reserves for parks and recreation. He said given the government's timelines, work will likely begin in 2013, giving council more time to decide how it will fund its two-thirds portion. This may be in part through the tax base, community partnerships or both.

"I'd like to think the public would approve of us using tax dollars to invest in infrastructure that has a chance of drawing people and economy to the community, but we want to use the reserves where it's appropriate, and where we have the room to use them," said Moffatt.

Funding from all federal sources may not exceed 50 per cent of total eligible project costs. Priority may be given to applications for no more than 33.4 per cent funding so the Township will apply at that level to help guarantee success.

Staff will prepare the applications for council's authorization at its Aug. 16 meeting. The deadline is Aug. 24.

All projects must be substantially complete prior to March 31, 2014 or the government may discontinue funding and require reimbursement of funds already issued.

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Editorial opinion



Fired up over fireworks



By Matthew Desrosiers

It's a dreaded sound.

Accompanied by a flash of lights, the loud crack, sometimes boom of fireworks going off in the distance is enough to drive anyone within five kilometres mad.

While children are fascinated by them, adults purchase them for the sheer pleasure of watching something blow up. But when you're at home with your family trying to enjoy a relaxing evening, these mini-explosives go from cool to obnoxious in a hurry.

There's a difference between store-bought fireworks that can be found all across the Highlands and a fireworks display put on by professionals. The latter are events onto themselves. Just ask the people who enjoyed Dorset's show this past Canada Day.

First, a suitable location is chosen to launch the rockets. Plenty of notice is given to neighbours and steps are taken to ensure the fireworks are set off in the safest possible way to avoid injuries and fires. Friends and families gather from across the area to enjoy the show, sometimes lasting 20 minutes.

Store-bought fireworks, on the other hand, are not so well-planned.

Compared to large-scale displays, these offer a significantly reduced bang for your buck. People bring them home from the store, wait until it's good and dark (which is after bedtime for most kids and some adults), and set them off. The noise and lights set babies crying, dogs barking and coyotes howling.

Such a peaceful place, this county.

For the past two weeks, there's been a fire ban in effect across the Highlands. Fireworks sales, however, continue. The temptation to set them off rises the longer you stare at them in the corner, until one night you can't stand it anymore and boom!, off they go rocketing into the night sky.

This is just about the time you notice the fire burning in the extremely dry grass or bush in your backyard.

In these conditions, it's just not worth the risk. One mistake during launch can cost someone their home, or worse, their life.

A county-wide ban on fireworks would remove that risk altogether.

A ban would be in line with the Highlands lifestyle. It protects peace and quiet, tranquility and that relaxing environment that draws so many here during the summer. It also protects the environment and the safety of residents from mishandled fireworks.

Fireworks themselves aren't inherently bad. People, however, are careless. They don't always think about their neighbours and rarely offer the courtesy of speaking with them before the show begins. It doesn't cross their minds to wet the surrounding area to prevent any sparks from starting a fire, either.

There will always be those who are responsible, but unfortunately there are many who are not. Unless they're being handled by trained professionals in a controlled environment, fireworks have no place in the Highlands.

Stumped

Well, well. The annual water drawdown has begun, weeks ahead of schedule because of the dry winter, spring and summer we've had. For those newbies who are not familiar with this process, the drawdown is what happens when the folks who manage the Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW) take logs out of the dams (yes, logs) so that water can flow from our lakes here in the Highlands down through the system. The purpose of this exercise is to ensure boats can continue to ride up and down the TSW in time-honoured tradition, from Lake Ontario, 386 kilometres all the way to Georgian Bay, or at least between Coboconk and Kirkfield.

Unfortunately, the measures that allow boats to float on the TSW often leave ours high and dry. As the water level declines in local lakes, watercraft in shallow water can become beached. Stumps and rocks that were well below the surface now lurk ominously, ready to devour a careless propeller or assault a clueless hull. Water rushing through the system can cause other problems, as can unusually high levels if the drawdown is not fast enough. The impact ranges from mild inconvenience to the annual emergence of ugly mud flats where swimming and boating were possible only weeks before. Should we have built our homes here? Kind of late to ask that question.

This is about as close as you get to a zero-sum game; there is only so much water to go around, and so the TSW's gain is our loss. It has always been thus. Construction of the TSW began in the nineteenth century as a way to move logs to major markets in Canada and Europe. Complaints about water levels started shortly afterwards.

Then, about a hundred years ago, the Province handed over management and control of the TSW to the federal government. At that time, our lakes were designated as "reservoirs" for the system.

Reservoir implies a certain temporary nature. What is reserved can also be withdrawn, and indeed that is exactly what happens. Much lakefront property becomes ditchfront property but without the advantage of lower taxes. Many residents and cottagers are surprised to learn that their lakes are not quite the eternal gifts of the glaciers that they appear to be.

The extent of water fluctuations is made worse by two factors: there are approximately two dozen government agencies involved in water management for the TSW, meaning nobody has full responsibility or a view of the big picture; secondly, the infrastructure — those logs — is ancient; a modern, centrally-managed system of remotely-controlled dams would allow better water management, fewer extremes of depth and flow.

That is exactly what a 2007 independent study commissioned by the federal

government recommended. To best manage the TSW as an economic and recreational resource, the experts suggested there should be a

single water management authority for the entire TSW, plus about \$300 million in modernization. As you would expect, these recommendations were studiously ignored, and now Parks Canada, a major player in TSW water management, is seeing drastic cuts to its budget.

We're going in the wrong direction.

So despite the fact that use of the TSW is down about 50 per cent over the last two decades, and despite the fact that our so-called reservoir lakes now support most of the Highlands economy, and despite the fact that all Canadians living on waterfront have what's called a right to navigation, we continue to have our lakes, part of the heart and soul of the Highlands, drained every summer from under us.

We do have advocates working on our behalf — a great group of people known as the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF). Every Highlander should join and support this group.

Having said that, the CEWF is way too nice. It lobbies and tries to persuade. It does research and has a solid grasp of the facts. It has succeeded in obtaining a series of polite hearings — our concerns are "on the agenda". But are those concerns being dealt with? Of course not.

Why? Because compared to other regions connected to the TSW, we have fewer voters and less economic clout. Our 17,000 residents are pipsqueaks next to populations further downstream; our local business concerns no match for the thousands of enterprises that rely on the TSW. It's pure politics, a game we'll never win because we are barely audible in the corridors of power where decisions are made.

I have a prediction: we will continue to get polite hearings, to enjoy the kabuki performances, and nothing will change. That is, until the TSW issue ends up — where it was always destined to — at the Supreme Court of Canada. The arcane set of laws that govern the TSW and navigable waterways in general need the kind of clarification and balancing of rights that political solutions can never provide; these issues have festered for almost two hundred years and beg sorting out.

Though it may sound litigious, nice isn't working. The only place we stand a chance of our concerns getting equal time is the courtroom.

Of course we could lose, but then again we're losing already.



By Bram Lebo

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Geese go for a late night dip in Head Lake.

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The problem is entitlement, not nuisance bears

Dear Editor,

So-called nuisance bears and the spring hunt is only one symptom of a much bigger problem.

I grew up in the 50s, in a house built in the 30s. About 1955, a planning mill was built right across the street. Every morning at 7 a.m., six days a week, the mill's diesel engine roared into operation. It was one of two mills directly in the town. Every January they both lit their large piles of sawdust, bigger than the MTO's sand domes, and for a couple of months a thick haze of smoke hugged the ground on cold nights. My father built three boats he rented to the tourists, that is, if he could get them away from the dock because the river was always full of logs floating to the lower mill. It is interesting to note the people of the day made the connection between their jobs and the mills. No one ever complained.

Today, people complain about everything. Bears, coyotes, cougars, Tim Hortons in Haliburton, the gas plant in Toronto,

the dam in Bala, the wind mills in Pontypool, highways, rail lines, cell towers, hydro transmission lines, quarries anywhere, the cement plant near Bobcaygeon, asphalt plants, airports and so on. You name it, they don't want it in their backyard. Problem is they still want to avail themselves of the services and products these things provide, they just want them in someone else's backyard. Pretty unrealistic if you think about it. I think the people in Pickering would probably happily trade the nuclear plant for that gas plant.

I think someone the other day best summed it up in one word. Entitlement. Somehow, in the blink of an eye in the 4.5 billion year history of this planet that we are here, we have come to give too much importance to our worth and the control we want to exercise over the land we are temporary caretakers of, and we're doing a lousy job at that.

Keith Stata
Kinmount

R.D. Lawrence place not living up to its mandate

Dear Editor,

A dead wolf? A dead wolf mounted just inside the door of the R.D. Lawrence Place (RDLP). I never expected to find a stuffed wolf in that Place. What gall. What irony!

A dead wolf mounted in a centre meant to celebrate and continue the work of one of Canada's premier naturalists; an award-winning author and educator who strove to teach others to reconnect with the natural world through respect for nature.

"We look at death and we believe that we are studying life." That's a fragment of one of R.D.'s quotes and a more polite way to describe what ran through my head after driving from Connecticut to Minden, only to stumble upon the dead-eyed, dry-furred antithesis of all Lawrence wrote about and stood for. Irony upon insult! I'd driven more than 1,000 kilometres to a Place that has been gutted floor-boards to rafters in the Minden town council's bid to turn RDLP into an environmental science museum.

A museum is the antithesis of RDLP's Mandate:

"R.D. Lawrence Place is dedicated to fostering a love of reading, promoting the art of writing and deepening one's respect for our natural heritage. It will serve as an interactive learning facility, a writer's centre and a gathering place, reflecting the work and philosophy of R.D. Lawrence, one of Canada's foremost authors and naturalists."

Gathering, writing, reflecting, learning, teaching, inspiring: verbs. Museums are collections of objects and ideas that have achieved fruition: nouns.

RDLP was never meant to be a shrine or a time capsule. It's a forward looking Place constructed out of environmentally friendly materials following ecologically sustainable practices by people who donated time, funds, sweat equity and expertise. As a regular visitor to Minden, a seasonal Ontario resident and taxpayer, I believe RDLP, like life, should be veracious! I request the Minden town council respect and restore RDLP and its original mandate.

Kathy Jurgens
Connecticut, USA

The Outsider — It's gonna be a record-breaker

The excitement is palpable.

The London Olympic Games are just days away. There can be no more glorious celebration of sporting prowess, athletic endeavour and record-breaking achievement on the planet and my English country-folk will have front row seats to view it. Or will they?

Tickets weren't sold on a first come first served, "I want to go see the badminton, please," basis. Oh no. Those people that actually wanted to go and experience the magic of the Olympics had to fill in forms and enter a ballot in the hope that they might get allocated a random event – from decathlon to dressage – and then pay whatever it cost, no matter that it wasn't what they had hoped to watch.

"Hmm, I got a ticket to the weight-lifting when I wanted to go see the synchronised swimming." Not a line often muttered but many similar conversations are now taking place in Blighty.

Add to this the fact that just last week it was revealed that while most folks can't get any type of ticket for love nor money there has somehow been a mix up and 100,000 tickets remain unsold. How's that for a record breaking screw-up.

The London Olympics will also break all records for really annoying everyone who lives in the city where it is being held – from cordoning off roads to make 'Olympic

lanes', so creating massive traffic jams, to the trebling of hotel and public transport prices and forcing of all public utility workers to cancel their vacation time. Yeah, the Olympics are here!

Then there's the world-beating corporate coup whereby certain major sponsors have managed to get the organizers to agree to ban folks from bringing a picnic to the Olympics. By golly, there'll be no cucumber sandwiches or glasses of Pims for the locals at this event. In fact, if people do take along a snack they'll be stripped of it at the entrance (probably strip searched to find it too!) and made to watch burly security guards eat it, before being locked in the Olympic village and forced to eat McDonalds and drink Coca Cola at vastly inflated prices – that, or starve.

On a brighter note, the London Olympics will be the first ever to include an athlete with a flip-top head, courtesy of Canada's own Alex Despatie and his dramatic diving accident just a few short weeks ago. Never before has a man been scalped and gone on to compete in an Olympic Games. Well, not according to the more recent record books anyway.

But, moving from bright to dull, to cloudy to be precise, the London Olympics could very well be the wettest ever. You see, England has had no summer this year; it has rained constantly from March. Now, I know that

many of you think that this is what happens all the time in Blighty but even by British standards it has been rather damp to say the least, and many parts of the country are now in flood. I guess Michael Phelps will have no problems with this state of affairs but, while Usain Bolt may still win the 100 metres final, he'll be breaking no world records running wearing his wellies.

Perhaps a solution would be for the Olympic organizing committee to splash out (and in all that rain it will be easy to do so) and buy a giant inflatable bubble in which to house the entire Olympic Games. After all, they've spent £24 billion so far: that's a mere ten times as much as they predicted the Games would cost in 2005. Surely, that's another world record: category — most money spent on a one-time sporting event when the country is quickly slipping into economic meltdown. And folks here moaned when Toronto didn't vie for the 2020 Olympics!

Then again, maybe I should look on the bright side. Trouble is I'm a pessimistic Englishman and even moving to Canada can't halt the outpourings of doom when my country of birth makes such a monumental mess of organizing what is essentially a giant school sports day.



By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: What do you think about Dysart council's decision to repair the rink?



Brenda Nicholson

Gooderham

It needs to be done as it is an environmental concern. It is too bad about the scheduling of the hockey because of such short notice.

Bryce Blair

Haliburton

I think they should repair it and the sooner they make up their minds and get it done the better, or we will be out of ice for a long time.



Miles Maughan

Haliburton

It is a decision that they have to make and no matter what they decide it will not keep everyone happy.



Patricia Chaulk

Haliburton

I would rather that they build a community center with a rink, basketball and volleyball courts. And the people would use it, rather than [put a bandage] on the arena.



John Cooper

West Guilford

They should have decided to do it when they found the problem this spring. That way they would have had it ready for this winter instead of sending the people to Minden.



Housing projects for Haliburton Village

By Will Jones

The wheels of the Kawartha Lake Haliburton Housing Corporation (KLHHC) supportive housing project were set in motion at the July 23 meeting of Dysart et al council.

Passing a site plan agreement, a responsibility agreement for the water system and a bylaw amendment to relieve building provisions, council effectively gave the go-ahead to the community housing project on County Road 21.

Patricia Martin, director of planning and development, said council had been working with the project team from the outset and that she recommended the passing of these resolutions.

"They are ready to go and looking to break ground in August," said Bill Davis, deputy-reeve.

He continued, telling council that KLHHC would be assessing applicants for the units throughout the winter with the hope of moving people into the development during summer 2013.

At the same meeting, a delegation from Community Living Haliburton County

(CLHC) addressed council with a proposal to build a 12,000 sq.-ft. building within the village to house adults with development disabilities.

Speaking on behalf of CLHC, vice-president Brian Plouffe explained the need for such a facility and said the organization had looked at various sites before proposing a land share with the council on the site of the Victoria Street School.

"If the council is interested in acquiring the old Victoria Street School property and wishes to share the ownership and responsibility for it with a community partner, on a financial basis that would benefit both parties, then CLHC is very interested in pursuing that possibility," he said.

Reeve Murray Fearrey listened to the request before stating that he admired the ambitious program that CLHC had set for its new building.

"We are in legal discussions with regards to the Victoria Street School at present," he said. "There are covenants as to the use of the property. However, we'll keep you in the loop as we deal with these matters."

Survey supports active community in Dorset

By Lisa Harrison

A new survey has been launched for Dorset in support of active and safe areas for walking, cycling, in-line skating and more to ensure a healthy, active community.

Communities in Action Committee (CIA) representative Kate Hall discussed the survey and next steps with Algonquin Highlands councillors at their July 19 meeting. The CIA has been operating in the county with provincial funding since 2004 and is focusing on the Dorset area this summer.

In addition to the survey, focus groups will be scheduled to discuss Dorset good and bad hot spots for active transportation and a count will be taken of pedestrian and cyclist traffic in July and August.

Council also approved use of the county's mapping data for Dorset by the CIA to create a walk, bike and be active map similar to those developed for Minden and Haliburton. The map can also include tourism and cultural points of interest.

Hall noted that Dorset has little parking but is "very walkable in terms of scale." She said active transportation planning can help reduce congestion, especially during busy seasons, and the ideal would be for people to park once and visit other businesses on the way to their original destination.

Copies of the survey are available at various Dorset locations and online at www.fluidsurvey.com/s/dorset. The survey began July 23 and will run for four weeks.

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Above: The Tebworth Brothers, Marshall, 7, and Wyatt, 9, play the Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival. Right: Rhyme 'n' Reason harmonize at the Minden fairgrounds.



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A lickin' good time

By Matthew Desrosiers

For a few days, Minden was blessed with the sweet sounds of Bluegrass tunes.

The 2nd annual Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival took place from July 20 - 22 at the Minden fairgrounds. Nine bands graced the stage, including quartet Rhyme 'n' Reason, and the young sensations, the Tebworth Brothers.

"We've got rave reviews this year about the music," said Dennis Casey, Rotary lead for the bluegrass project. "The general consensus was it went well and we're prepared to do it again next year."

Casey said the event was a success, with 216 weekend passes sold (only 101 were sold last year). Throughout the weekend, over 500 people were on the grounds enjoying the show. They tripled the number of trailers from last year and had twice the overall attendance.

"[Some] people that went to that festival never went to sit in front of the stage," he

said. "They come, plunk their trailers [down], and they get their mandolin out and jam and pick for three days."

"That's just the world of bluegrass."

Casey said one of the misconceptions about bluegrass festivals is that there has to be a big local bluegrass scene.

"What happens in the world of bluegrass is some of those trailers would leave home for the first concert at the end of June, and may not get home until the middle of August," he said. "They go from festival to festival."

Responsibilities for the festival are split between the Minden Rotary Club, the Minden Legion which looks after the open mic and beverages, the Minden Agricultural Society which handles food, and the Minden Kinsmen which handle trailers and site management.

"It takes four service clubs to make [the festival] work," said Casey. "It's not just the Rotary Club."

Approximately 60 volunteers also assisted throughout the weekend.

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Dances unite community

By Mark Arike

Dance came to life in Haliburton's Head Lake Park during this year's production of Dusk Dances. Over 1,700 people attended four separate showings held between July 19 and 22.

The pay-what-you-can event featured four pieces, including the premier of *Incandescent*. The show-closer was the first piece of its kind to combine members of the community with professional dancers from the program.



Photos by Mark Arike

Top: Over 40 members of the community joined forces for the premiere of *Incandescent*. Bottom left: Performers blend dance and comedy in a *Flock of Flyers: Remix*. Centre: The Colonel (Dan Watson) welcomes an audience to the show. Bottom right: Zhenya Cerneacov and Mairéad Filgate portray a couple's journey in *Eugene Walks with Grace*.

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Business owners anticipate artful weekend

By Mark Arike

This weekend it's likely that thousands will find their way to the Village of Haliburton for the 49th annual Haliburton Art & Craft Festival.

And although many nearby business owners say they can't quantify the impact the festival might have on business, they are welcoming the event with open arms.

"It's hard to predict our sales, but we definitely see an increase in traffic," said Wayne Hooks, owner of the Ethel Curry Gallery.

Hook said several of the artists who display and sell their work in his gallery participate in the three-day festival.

"Some of the artists that we have showing down there send people over here, because they don't carry everything down there," said Hooks.

"Generally, I'd support anything that has something to do with art."

Karen Frybort, general manager of McKecks, said it's always nice to have a major event in the park. She said the weekend of the event has been a busy one in the past, but other factors such as the weather have an impact on traffic to the restaurant.

"It's sort of contingent on how hot they are throughout the day," said Frybort. "Do they want to just go home? Or go to their trailer? Or come into the air conditioning to have a bite to eat?"

Frybort said the busiest time for the restaurant generally tends to be the week of the August long weekend.

"I really wouldn't know whether it helps or not," said Andy Glecoff, owner of Stedmans V & S Department Store in Haliburton. "All I can say is that it certainly brings a lot of people into town."

Glecoff said he is sure there is a spill-off onto the main street, although he has no way of measuring that.

"When there is a major activity in town the store is very busy, but I can't tell you how much more."

"Anything that brings people to the Village, I would say would create an overflow for the other stores and complement what they have."

Andrea Roberts

Ward 1 councillor

Glecoff welcomes all functions and activities that "bring people to Haliburton."

Ward 1 Councillor Andrea Roberts echoes the positive sentiments of many business owners.

"It's great for the town," said Roberts, who also sits on the executive of the Haliburton Business Improvement Area (BIA).

"Because it's an art and craft festival, it's not necessarily taking away anything from the other businesses in town... Anything that brings people to the Village, I would say would create an overflow for the other stores and compliment what they have."

Roberts has attended the event in the past and will be volunteering at the gate. She commended Laurie Jones, executive director of the Rails End Gallery, and the volunteers for their efforts over the years.

"It takes a huge amount of organization [work] for them to put this together," she said.

"I think just the fact that it's been around for that long says a lot about this community."

In addition to the 130 on-site vendors, the event will include live entertainment from buskers, a Kidszone, workshops and refreshments and snacks.

The juried festival, which is hosted by the Rails End Gallery, runs between July 27 and 29. Admission is \$2 and goes to support the gallery's programming.

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Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.

HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. Fifty Shades of Grey by E.L. James
2. Stray Bullets by Robert Rotenberg 🇨🇦
3. The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
4. The 11th Hour by James Patterson
5. Forgotten by Catherine McKenzie 🇨🇦

HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed
2. Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking by Susan Cain
3. The Wealthy Barber Returns by David Chilton 🇨🇦
4. Mad Woman: the Other Side of Life on Madison Avenue in the '60s and Beyond by Jane Maas
5. Thinking Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman

Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed is Oprah's latest book club selection and it has very quickly become one of this month's most popular non-fiction books at the library. Wild is a memoir which follows a young woman, reeling from catastrophe stemming from a marriage breakdown and death in the family, who decides to begin an 1,100-mile solo hike across the Pacific Crest Trail, from the Mojave Desert to Washington State. It is at once a story of adventure (the author faces down rattlesnakes and black bears), resilience (she must persist through intense heat and record snowfalls), and self-discovery (the beauty and loneliness of the trail is ultimately healing and challenges her to rethink her life). If you are a fan of powerful memoirs, this is a great summer read to consider. You can reserve this title in print or e-book formats at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Library News

Haliburton County Public Library introduces the "Shakespeare Club" at the Dysart branch in Haliburton – a must attend social gathering for theatre enthusiasts. The first meeting is July 26 at 3 p.m. Drop by the Dysart branch to sign up or call Amanda at 705-457-2241.

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Excerpts Concerts

The participants in the Highlands Opera Theatre present some of the best-loved works from the world of opera. Hear solos, duets and ensemble selections from famous operas from around the world. A different program will be presented at each of the three concerts. Performances are Wednesday, August 8 and Monday, August 13 at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton Village, with a special performance in conjunction with the Forest Festival on August 15 at the fabulous outdoor amphi theatre on Bone Lake in the Haliburton Forest. Tickets are \$25.

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Chuck Lewis works on one of his many sepia drawings in his studio.

Studio tour celebrates 10 years

By Mark Arike

The Highlands East Studio Tour is entering its 10th season this summer and Chuck Lewis has been one of its many featured artists for five of those years.

"It's been extremely well run," said Lewis, who owns and operates Highland Winds Studio at 1524 Ursa Rd. in Gooderham. "I think the caliber [of artists] we have is very good."

This year's special tour is scheduled to take place on the weekends of Aug. 11-12 and Aug. 18-19.

Lewis was first introduced to the tour by Gooderham area photographer Archie Briggs.

"I guess he saw my work, called me one day and came over to critique my work. Basically that's how it all started."

Lewis specializes in sepia ink drawings and oil paintings. Although he doesn't recall how he got his start in art, Lewis said it was something he excelled at from an early age.

"I just carried on and on and on," said the Toronto native.

He didn't begin experimenting with oils until the '70s and put art on the backburner in 1975 for six years.

Lewis has taken art courses "all over" but for the most part considers himself self-taught. His detailed sepia drawings and oil paintings depict landscapes, many of which are inspired by natural attractions around the Highlands. Most times Lewis will complete an on-site sketch, which he then takes to his historic studio.

"I just wanted some place I could go and paint without any outside influences."

Five years ago, Lewis bought his studio space from the Riel family. Prior to its extensive makeover, the building served as the family's farmhouse for over 100 years.

"It was an interesting story because we were looking for a piece of property somewhere between Irondale and here," he said. "This property had been sitting empty for 11 years. One day when we were coming back through town, over the hill, I said to my wife, 'what do you say we put an offer on this place?'"

Oddly enough, someone else had put in an offer on the property that same weekend. Luckily for Lewis, that offer fell through.

In the lower level visitors will find the gallery while the studio is upstairs.

"I'm probably here more than I am anywhere else."

Lewis, a mechanical engineer by trade, also owns a home in Toronto. He is semi-retired and spends a fair amount of time traveling when working.

With his skills, Lewis now finds himself doing a lot of commissioned pieces for visitors to the area.

"I do a lot of cottages, old homes or a sketch of a home someone is selling before they leave."

Nowadays, Lewis spends more time creating than he does working – and that's not a fact he has a problem with.

"It's a beautiful setting," he said. "I'm the envy of a lot of artists."

This year's tour features a combination of 11 artists and artisans at seven studios in the communities of Cardiff, Highland Grove, Harcourt, Wilberforce, Tory Hill, Gooderham, Paudash and Irondale.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary, organizers have planned a couple of unique offerings.

"We really wanted to make a splash for the tenth anniversary," said Jan Simon, chair of the tour and participating artist.

These new events include a "Mastering Techniques in Acrylics" workshop with artist Peter John Reid and a geocaching seminar. The workshop will run for four days (Aug. 13-16) between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Robert McCausland Centre in Gooderham while the geocaching seminar will take place at the same location on Aug. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Those interested in the acrylics workshop must pre-register by contacting Jan Simon at 705-448-2868 or email JanDreamweaver@aol.com.

More information about the tour can be found online at www.highlandseastartour.com.

Concert fundraiser to support arts council

Submitted by Janis Parker

Back by popular demand, Janis Parker and Ron Kozak are once again hosting a fundraising concert on July 29 on the shores of Lake Kennesis. Tom Kovacs has agreed to perform once again. He plays a wide range of popular music. Requests are welcome and spontaneous singing along and dancing is encouraged.

All donations will benefit the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands. Appetizers will be provided by Rhubarb.

Beverages will be available on site, however those who attend are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and may come by car or boat.

For more information please contact Janis Parker at 705-754-2500.

Senior Highlanders

Picking the right gym

Dear Penny,

There is a new gym that opened near me and they are offering a free starting package and an exercise class for seniors so I'm thinking of joining. I have heard that some gyms are better than others but they all look pretty much the same to me. At least, they seem to have more or less the same equipment. How do I know if it is a good gym?

Nervous Nell

Dear Nell,

You've asked an excellent question. Gyms may look a lot alike but some are certainly better (read safer) than others. I don't want to alarm you, but I do want to alert you.

Most people who decide to join a gym assume that the instructors are experts in their field. They look good. They sound good. And we assume they do good. But in truth, only some of them have the specialized training required to do the job well.

I have found that in too many cases, the instructors' only qualifications are an attractive physical appearance and some instruction on how to use the equipment or run a floor class.

With these limited credentials, they ask you to invest with them your most precious asset – yourself. Before you do, you need to check them out.

Most exercises can have safety precautions built right into them in order to avoid undue strain and injury. But it requires a knowledge of anatomy and the physical dynamics of movement to design exercises that are safe, especially for seniors.

Some gyms have a vast array of tempting equipment, but there is nobody around to monitor you as you use it. Other gyms have a relaxing and inviting atmosphere and you may feel that going there will improve your incentive. It may—but without instructors who know what they are doing, it could spell trouble.

Some exercises should be outlawed for

Aging Well



By Penny Brown

anyone over the age of 30 because of the risk involved in performing them, yet they appear with alarming regularity in gym programs.

These days, many health clubs and gyms request a certificate of good health from your doctor before they allow you to begin their exercise program. That signature may look reassuring to the new member and may help the gym to avoid a costly lawsuit, but it may not help you to avoid injury.

I think you can accomplish your exercise goals at home without the benefit of costly frills, but if you are the type of person who requires company for motivation, there are a few simple questions you will want answered before you join a class at the new gym.

Is there a doctor nearby and on call at all times?

Is resuscitation equipment available on the spot?

Will you be monitored and put through a series of stress tests before beginning a program?

What are the credentials of the class instructor?

Is your program individually designed for you by a qualified person with a suitable background?

Will you progress on the basis of physical tests performed under monitored conditions?

If all the answers to those questions are in the affirmative, you have probably found yourself a good place to exercise. Check them out—and good luck.

Readers, if you have any other questions—about your mobility, your comfort, or just about getting through your day more safely and easily, I want to hear them. For real-life answers you can use, write to Penny at penny@haliburtonhighlander.ca.

Penny Brown graduated from the University of Toronto's School of Rehabilitation Medicine as a Physical and Occupational Therapist.



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Highlander environment

Food bank joins recycling program

Donations of electronic items wanted

By Mark Arike

The Minden Food Bank has signed up to a recycling program that will enable them to fundraise and protect the environment simultaneously.

To top it all off, becoming part of the initiative isn't costing them a thing.

"I was very excited when I heard about it," said Shirley Holmes, volunteer with the Minden United Church. In June, Holmes learned about the Think Recycle program while attending a conference in Waterloo hosted by the Ontario Association of Food Banks.

The program states that for every 24 qualifying electronics collected, Think Recycle will donate the funds to have one tree planted – from Tree Canada – on behalf of the participating organization. They will also pay out money to the food bank for the electronics they collect.

"We are collecting all of the acceptable products," said Holmes. "Cell phones are the major ones we would like."

Other acceptable products include laptops, iPods, mp3 players, digital cameras and print cartridges.

"They have gold, coltan and copper in them," said Holmes. "So the company recycles them, which helps us save somewhat on our global mining."

The payout on items varies based on what Think Recycle is able to get out of them.

"We'll get 20 cents to \$150 for cell phones, depending on what kind of cell phone it is."

The items are shipped out to Think Recycle in boxes up to 40 pounds. Think Recycle covers shipping costs for the food bank.

Holmes said the funds raised will go directly to the food bank to buy food. Their collection of recyclable products will be an ongoing project.

According to one of the testimonials on their website (www.



Photo by Mark Arike

Shirley Holmes, left, and Barbara Walford-Davis, chair of the Minden Food Bank, are eager to raise money and help plant trees through the Think Recycle program.

thinkrecycle.com), the Regina Food Bank has raised almost \$20,000 since joining the program in March of 2009 and diverted 35,000 pounds of e-waste from the landfill.

Think Recycle works with more than 20,000 members across the U.S. and Canada to meet their fundraising and environmental goals.

When commenting on the current state of the food bank, chair Barbara Walford-Davis said finances are down this time of year, but they are "keeping their head above water."

"People forget that people eat all year round, not just at Christmas time," said Walford-Davis.

"It's [donations] down but it's starting to pick up now. The

cottage associations have gotten together and made their donations for the year."

At this time, acceptable recyclable products can be dropped off at the Minden United Church, Zion United Church and Maple Lake United Church. More drop-off spots are in the process of being set up.

Those interested in donating money can do so by writing a cheque to the Minden Food Bank and mailing it to P.O. Box 893, Minden, ON, K0M2K0. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off to their location at 37 Bobcaygeon Rd. in Minden between Monday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Highlander environment

Highlands East waits to endorse solar projects

By Mark Arke

Highlands East councillors have tabled a request asking them to declare their support of the development of five ground solar projects in the municipality under the Feed In Tariff program (FIT).

“One of the concerns I discussed with John [Ewart] was because there’s no mechanism out there for any of the neighbours to object to a solar installation, he wasn’t so sure whether the municipality wanted to support them if they didn’t know where they were or hadn’t been to them,” said Sharon Stoughton-Craig, CAO and treasurer, during a July 24 council meeting. Stoughton-Craig was referring to a recent discussion she had with the municipality’s solicitor.

“That was the concern I had and John’s concern was that it was premature.”

The request for the resolution was submitted to council by Kyle Rees, owner of Renewable Environmental Energy Services (REES Inc.), on July 15. The letter states that the company currently has five solar projects under development in Highlands East – three in Cardiff, one in Bancroft and one in the Township of Faraday.

“These projects deliver significant benefits to the communities in which they are located, including clean energy, increased property values, local revenue and employments,” stated Rees in a letter.

He explained that the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) has declared new rules which establish a point system to determine the priority of the offering of FIT contracts for ground solar projects. Points are awarded to those who are able to get the municipality to pass a resolution indicating their support of such projects.

Ward 2 Councillor Suzanne Partridge explained these were pre-existing applications Rees had submitted to the microFIT program prior to the time “Hydro One put a moratorium on to re-jig the rules.”

“They have to have all their ducks in a row and their application completed by Aug. 12 because it’s a pre-existing application,” said Partridge. “One of the new rules they had to follow was to get extra points.”

“If they have a resolution of council that council has no objection to these installations, they get some extra points

toward the installation and have a better chance of it going through.”

Partridge gave several reasons why the municipality should seriously consider the request.

“My feeling is we know we live in a depressed area, we know that we want to encourage environmentally-sound projects and this could be a good incoming generating avenue for some of our residents and property owners...” she said.

Partridge said she has visited three of the properties. She told council that due to their location, none of those properties would be unappealing aesthetically after the installation of a solar project.

“The position they want to place the solar panels in cannot be seen from any other property,” she said. “Of the other two, one is a farm and the other is behind the farm. It’s completely surrounded by trees.”

Councillors felt uneasy about passing the resolution due to their lack of knowledge and information.

“When it comes to this stuff I’m stumped,” said Ward 3 Councillor Cecil Ryall. “I don’t know anything about it, and I’m hearing and drawing conclusions that it’s a good thing and I would see why it’s not.”

Ryall suggested holding off on a decision until the Aug. 21

information seminar being hosted by the municipality.

“In light of the fact that we’ve got an entire evening... where we’re going to become extremely comfortable and familiar with this stuff,” he said.

“If this were to happen after the 21st of August... I would feel more comfortable. Right now, I don’t know what the ramifications are.”

Ward 1 Councillor Steve Kauffeldt said he was under the impression that Rees’s application would proceed even without council’s endorsement.

“It doesn’t stop it,” said Kauffeldt. “I would feel comfortable to err on the side of caution.”

Reeve Dave Burton also felt uneasy about passing a resolution.

“Their project will still go forward,” said Burton, adding he doubts the time delay would affect Rees’s application.

“I’m not going to make a decision today.”

The Aug. 21 seminar will take place at 7 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. The free event will feature speakers who are proponents of solar projects for Highlands East. The event is open to the public.

For more information or to register as a speaker, contact Sharon Stoughton-Craig at 705-448-2981.

Pine Springs landfill clean-up nears completion

By Lisa Harrison

Removal of misplaced waste filled outside the northern boundary of the Pine Springs landfill is nearly complete, according to Township of Algonquin Highlands staff.

Mike Thomas, public works operations manager, told council at its July 19 meeting that the amount of waste deposited outside the northern boundary was relatively small and about half had been removed.

A recommendation to relocate the waste was included in the 2011 monitoring report for the Pine Springs site, delivered to council in May. Annual reporting is a Ministry of the Environment condition of approval for operating a waste disposal site. At the time the department said the activity was scheduled to follow more pressing tasks.

Cambium Environmental Inc., which prepared the monitoring

report, also recommended installation of additional stakes or fencing to prevent future waste placement outside the boundary.

Thomas said the remaining waste will be removed next week.

As for the boundary marking, “Normally the perimeter is staked out [per MOE requirements] so operators don’t go beyond the boundaries,” Thomas said. “We try to mark it every year so it’s freshly done.”

Fences are not used at township landfill sites excluding bear fences at some sites, and those are erected inside boundary lines.

Thomas confirmed perimeter stakes are still in place at the northern edge of the Pine Springs landfill, but additional stakes will nevertheless be installed as recommended to more clearly indicate the boundary.



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Kids learn about nature at camp

By Mark Arike

Girls and boys between the ages of seven and 10 have been exploring nature through Junior Naturalists Camp.

On July 24, 22 kids converged upon the Minden Hills Cultural Centre for a morning of fun and learning with Irene Heaven, program coordinator and wildlife biologist. Through games and activities, participants found out about some of the 175 fish species that live in Ontario's waters.

Heaven leads each session and is assisted by a student and a volunteer from the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists.

Space is still available for sessions that will run at the Haliburton fish hatchery from Aug. 6 to 10. Other topics covered include wetlands, navigation, earthly invaders and nature tales.

To pre-register contact Irene Heaven at 705-286-3181 or e-mail iheaven@outtolearn.ca.



Photos by Mark Arike

Top: Sheila Ziman, member of the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists, left, helps out Irene Heaven, program coordinator, as she teaches kids about fish species. Above: Cate Atkinson, left, and Katie Sievenpiper.

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Catching air on Head Lake

By Danielle Barter

Boats, bikinis, and extreme sports are not a bad way to spend your Saturday.

On July 21, Head Lake in Haliburton hosted the Sharpley Source for Sports Wakeboard and Wakeskate Open. This was the second boat stop on The Roots Wake Series in Ontario.

The Roots is a 'grass roots' contest created for the love of wakeboarding; sponsored by Algonquin Outfitters and Mastercraft Boats.

This year in Haliburton, The Roots competition saw its largest turnout yet with 85 riders, including 15 first-time riders under the age of 12. Local riders Tommy Bailey, Logan Enright, and the gang of Hicks brothers Gavin, Brady and Robby all joined the event this past weekend. Bailey took Third place in Open Wakeskate, while Gavin Hicks took second in the Outlaw Men's Wakeboard division. If you would like more information on these events or standings head to www.rootswakeboarding.com.

Photos by Danielle Barter
Top: Christian Primrose performs the 'skeezer.' Above: top riders of the day, left to right, Dave Tsuyuki, Andy Milovanovic, Robbie McMillin, Christian Primrose, Gavin Hicks.

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Cottage Vignettes

The joy of cottaging

By Barbara Szita-Knight, Toronto & Esson Lake

Why do we do this cottaging thing?

Many people ask this question and for us the answer is simple... but to understand, you must first read on.

Prior to each trip to the cottage, I scramble to complete the tasks required for the journey. I plan meals and food. I load food from the grocery store shelf into the shopping cart, then onto the conveyor belt at the cash, and then back into the shopping cart. It goes into my car trunk, then out of the trunk into my house, and only then do I select certain food items and pack them for our journey.

Of course there is the choosing and packing of clothes some for hot weather, some for cold, some for wet weather, some for dry... you know, just in case. And there is the last minute watering of plants before we hit the road. Of course, we must also ensure that our pets Kuumba the cat and our five fish are well stocked up prior to our journey.

Have I mentioned the car packing? Oh yes, the packing. Each trip, my husband says, "it'll never all get in." Well, it does all get in, even if something is on

my lap the whole way. I make sure it all gets in, including the kids! And sometimes even the cat. We had neighbours that would sneakily, through their window, watch us load our car taking bets whether it would all get in.

This truly is a labour of love.

After a hot two-and-a-half hour drive through congested city traffic and slow crawling back roads, numerous hours of travelling games with the kids, we arrive at our journey's end and begin the unpacking process. Unloading all that was loaded in the city and now transported to the country is such a hassle. Up and down we go. Back and forth with coolers, duffle bags, the odd kid and a cat. But, when we are finally done, our chores complete, and we can just breathe and relax... that first split-second on the dock makes it all worthwhile.

Ahhh, the cottage. City stresses just ooze out of our bodies and slide into the lake. They disappear quickly. What a wonderful destination to recharge and relax at the same time.

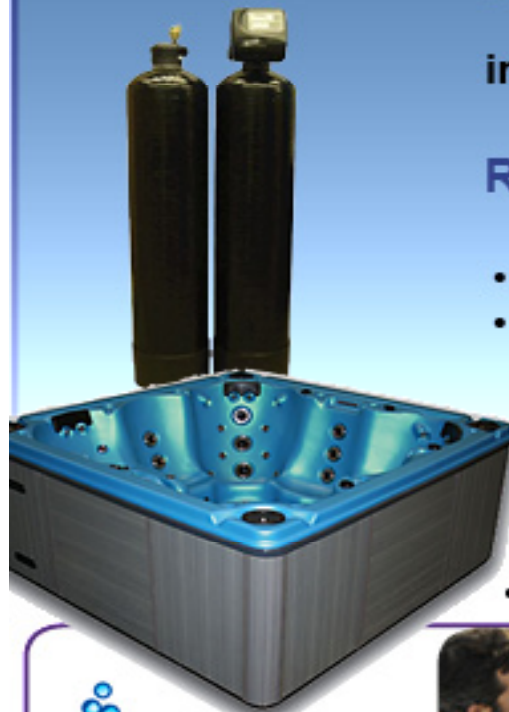
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Highlander outdoors

Powering up for boating pleasure

By Lisa Harrison

Inboard or outboard? Two-stroke or four-stroke? Gas or diesel? Searching for the right boat engine (or motor) can be daunting.

You'll have chosen your boat based on the type of boating you want to do, and that boat type and use will also determine your best engine choice.

Boat weight (including passengers, gear and fuel) and size are key. If your engine is too powerful, you'll use more fuel than necessary and may exceed your boat's safe operating speed before you realize it. If the engine has too little horsepower, it will perform poorly, you'll have to overwork it to get the job done and it's likely to require extra maintenance and wear out more quickly.

Generally, you have the following engine/motor categories to choose from: two-stroke and four-stroke outboard motors, gas and diesel inboard engines, jet boat engines and propulsion, and stern (inboard/outboard) drives. Gasoline engines are further categorized into three types of fuel delivery systems – direct injection, electronic injection and carbureted.

Outboard motors mount on brackets at the stern (rear) of the boat, are detachable and can be used in all types of waters.

A two-stroke outboard motor is usually



simple in design, requires no oil changes, weighs less than a four-stroke and gives better acceleration at start-up and full throttle. A four-stroke generally is heavier, quieter to operate, and burns gasoline rather than the two-stroke's gas and oil mixture, but requires oil changes. Engine management and electronic ignition systems are available for both.

Gas inboard engines are used in speed

and power applications. This engine sits midway along the boat, often works with a transmission, and is great for tow sports because the propeller can be pulled away from the back of the boat for safe platform exit and entry.

Diesel inboard engines are powered by compression and a more complex fuel system. Heavier than gas engines, they're used in larger boats. Benefits include

excellent torque, longer life and lower running costs.

Jet boat engines, generally used in personal watercraft, are usually inboards and use a water propulsion system – water is pumped in and then discharged at high pressure through a nozzle to propel the boat forward. Jet-powered boats lose steering when stopped since the water stream also steers the boat via the swiveling nozzle. It's important to stay clear of the pump intake so as not to get caught if the power is applied, and to avoid shallow water to ensure sufficient water volume for intake and avoid contaminating or clogging the intake with weeds or debris.

Stern drive (inboard/outboard) systems involve a gas or diesel engine inside and an "out drive" outside the boat that are connected through the back wall (transom). The out drive has one or two propellers and can be moved up or down (trimmed). Since the engine is supported by the boat rather than just the transom, it's possible to use larger engines with greater horsepower. Depending upon the boat, stern drive engines can be doubled up.

It's a big decision, so when making that critical engine or motor choice, consider a trip to your marine dealer for knowledgeable guidance to ensure an overall great boating experience.



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Highlander technology

The Computer Guy Five best free apps for Macs



By David Spaxman

I don't want people to think that I am one dimensional by only writing about Windows PCs. If any of you know me, you know I'm anything but one dimensional. I like Macs, so here are five of my favourite free apps you can get off the Internet for Macs running OS X. They succeed to varying degrees, but they're worth a look.

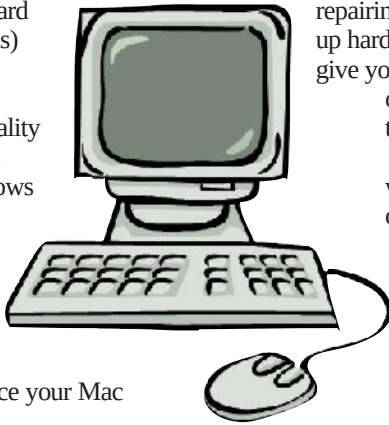
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Caffeine is a small but useful OS X utility that lets you stave off a computer's nap time with a simple icon click. If you want to keep



your Mac awake (like when you're watching Netflix) without diving into Preferences to alter the system settings, it's worth a download. Download here <http://lightheadsw.com/caffeine/>

The free CCleaner aims to clean up your OS X system (version 10.5 and higher) by managing cookies (bits of data used to track your Web browsing activity), repairing permissions, and freeing up hard disk space. If you want to give your Mac a cleaning without opening your wallet, give this utility a go.

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NetSpot, a free Mac utility from Etwok, lets you scan your immediate area for Wi-Fi signals and view related information such as open and closed signals, dead zones, and more. More importantly,

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Hope you find these useful or at least interesting. Any comments or questions please e-mail me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca Happy Safe computing!

Algonquin Highlands proceeds with high-speed internet installation

By Lisa Harrison

More Algonquin Highlands residents will have wireless high-speed internet service following council's authorization of a new service agreement at its July 19 meeting.

The service link will be installed on the Dorset Lookout Tower and is subject to a 90-day trial to ensure it doesn't interfere with existing radio equipment on the tower. The Township will also receive free service to the tower gift shop and for a proposed tower webcam.

Highlands Internet Service Ltd. (HISL) received initial service approval at council's June meeting subject to the trial and legal approval of an agreement. The formal agreement is with the company's associate, Core Broadband Inc.

HISL had estimated it would have more than 100 subscribers in the Kawagama Lake area by the end of June through Bell Canada. Subscribers were requesting more bandwidth

and Bell indicated it could not supply more. HISL determined the next option was to route service from Huntsville via the Dorset tower.

Kirk Kipling of HISL said Monday they now have 144 customers with more signing up every day and more they can't reach without this link.

He can't predict a start-up date until the company receives the agreement and can do the formal site visit, but said the radio equipment is ready and as soon as he gets the green light "you'll see us swinging off the tower the next day."

Under the five-year agreement the Township will receive a nominal \$1.00 annual rental fee. The operator has the option to renew for up to three additional five-year terms.

The agreement includes a clause on "reasonable judgment" in cutting and trimming vegetation and council requested staff include wording that the Township must be consulted first.

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Highlander food



Photos by Mark Arike
Twenty-one-month-old Cambell McCracken cools down with an ice cream sample.



Brand ambassador Kevin Gibson gives cottagers Rich and Kim Kinsman a San Pellegrino sample.

Delicious delights at food fair

By Mark Arike

Free tasty treats were available to young and old at the summer food fair, hosted by Todd's Independent Grocer. Food lovers united at the July 25 event in the parking lot of the Haliburton store to try barbequed hot dogs and sausages, ice cream and other available products. The touring fair – which will be visiting 102 locations across Canada this summer – also accepted donations on behalf of the President's Choice Children's Charity.

Food for thought: Zucchini, the early bloomer

By Will Jones

With a bed full of lettuce and all the other veggies growing well, one of the first to ripen and produce a bumper crop is the zucchini. It's a versatile veggie that can be fried, baked or broiled and Matt and Karra Wesley of Owl Farm make sure to grow plenty for sale at the farm gate and Haliburton County Farmers' Market. The young couple purchased the farm three years ago and set about bringing the neglected property back into full production. There has been a lot of hard work, clearing fields and fixing fences, as well as contending with short growing seasons and drought conditions but the couple are now raising pigs and chickens, growing vegetables and herbs, and, offering bread, pies, preserves and eggs. Matt and Karra chose Haliburton to launch their farm business because Matt's family had a homestead here, in Carnarvon, and he's been cottaging here for his whole life. "We feel a real connection to the place and are trying to cut a productive piece of land out of the wilds," says Matt. "It's been a dream of mine for a while. Before we moved here we raised a large garden and kept hens in Mississauga." This year is Owl Farm's first season at the farmers' market

and its second selling from the farm gate. Pop down to the market on Fridays to see what Matt and Karra are offering or swing by their farm on Saturdays (1439 Reynolds Road) and buy direct from the gate.

Easy zucchini cream sauce for pasta (serves four)
2 pounds zucchini, chopped
3 tablespoons olive oil
3 cloves garlic, crushed
salt to taste
1 cup table cream
1/3 cup of parmesan cheese
Pasta (penne or spaghetti are good)

Heat oil in large saucepan. Add the zucchini, garlic and a little salt. Cook about 20 minutes on a slow sizzle to soften the zucchini without browning it then mash it to a coarse pulp with a wooden spoon. Stir in one cup of table cream and at least 1/3 cup of parmesan. Allow the mix to bubble for about two minutes to ensure the cream is incorporated and reduces a little. Toss the sauce with your chosen pasta and serve with a sprinkle of pepper and more parmesan on the top.

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Katie's Run tackles epilepsy

Sir Sam's hosts successful first run charity event

By Douglas Pugh

Katie's Run, a first time local fundraiser to raise both funds and awareness for Epilepsy Canada, was a success on July 21 around a tough course on the slopes of Sir Sam's Ski Resort.

"It's one heck of a beautiful setting," said Epilepsy Canada's Lisa Stackhouse. "The runners are so complimentary about everything."

Despite hot temperatures, the event was well-supported by a slew of volunteers, manning everything from registration through to course marshalls and water stations. The event was colourful – purple being the colour of Epilepsy Canada – something displayed on balloons and tee-shirts alike.

With nearly 40 entrants for the arduous 10km event, 33 actually managed to get all the way to the finish, cheered on by the supporting crowd on the overlooking deck.

Just squeaking across the finish line in under an hour, the first one home was Haliburton doctor Steve Ferracuti, while in the women's category, Sue Shikaze brought it home just outside the podium placings of the men's times.

Over sixty gathered for the 2.5km distance, some opting for the run, others for a more sedate walk. Joey Miller was first home in the men's section here, while Mackenzie Tidey was first home of the women.

"The biggest thing for me is that somebody like Katie Woudstra will come forward and share awareness of her condition. It is so often hidden or not talked about," said Stackhouse.

Trudy Pogue, one of the event organizers, said they're going to wait until they recover from this event to decide whether or not they will host the event again next year.



Photo by Mark Arike

HOOA volunteer Keith Anderson holds up a fishing rod that was part of a silent auction package up for grabs.

Lucky 13 for HHOA

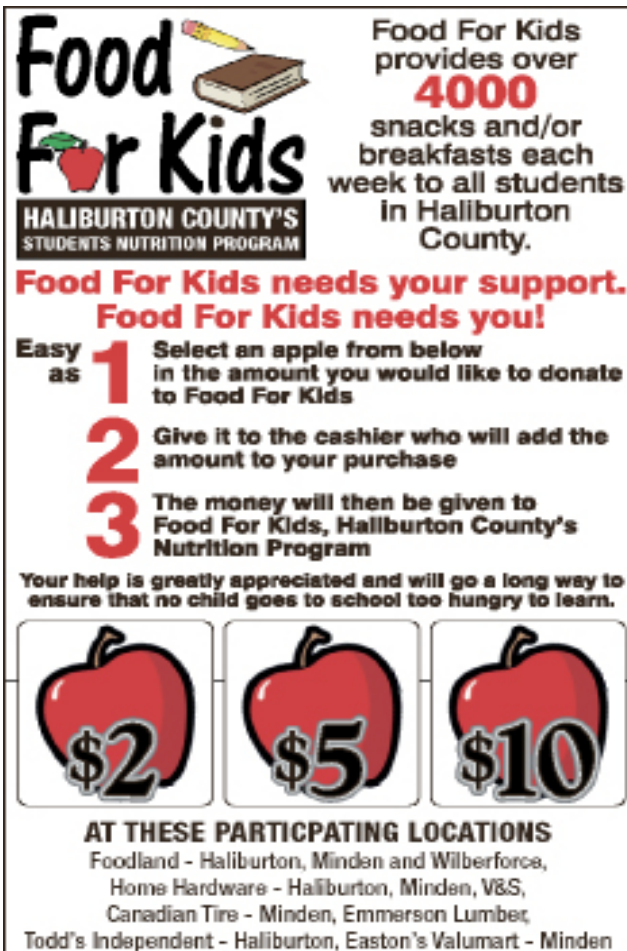
Organization raises money at lake trout dinner

By Mark Arike

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) hosted their 13th annual Lake Trout and Conservation Dinner on July 20 at the Haliburton Legion. About 150 people attended the event, which raised funds for the fish hatchery as well as the HHOA's many projects.

The evening featured silent and live auctions, and guests were treated to a dinner catered by Caleb Meadows.

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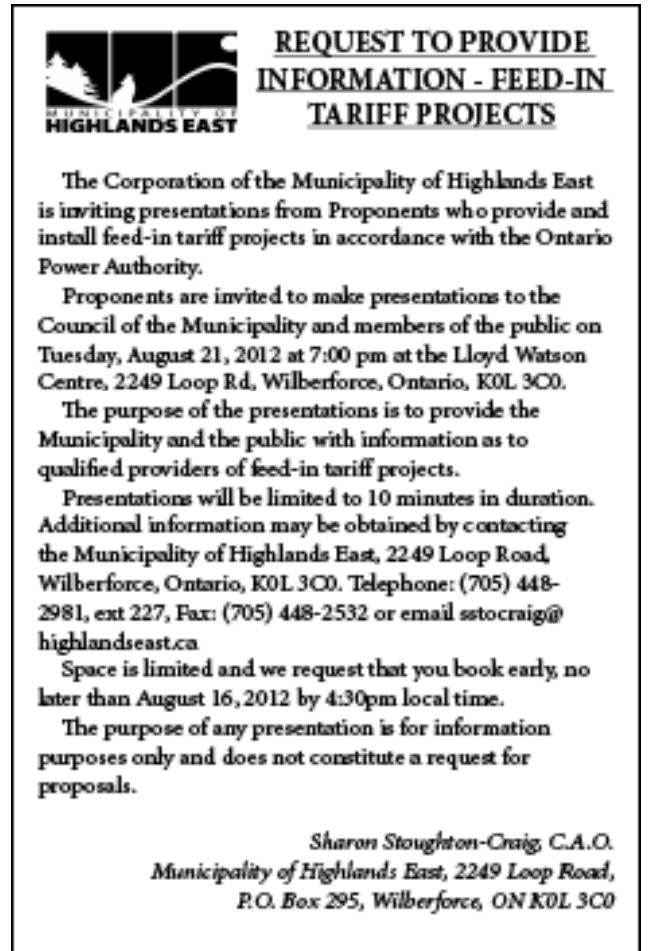


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Blast from the past

By Matthew Desrosiers

You couldn't turn your head without seeing something from years gone past at the 10th annual Stanhope Heritage Day on July 21.

Forty-six demonstrators set up shop at the Stanhope Museum to show off their heritage trades, arts and crafts for the public. More importantly, they gave visitors the opportunity learn, hands on, how it was all done 'back in the day'.

"This is so amazing," said Norma Goodger, chairperson of the Stanhope Heritage Day committee. "These people love to come and share their traditional arts and crafts with the public."

Between demonstrators, volunteers and visitors, over 1,000 people attended the event, she said. Of those, 122 were children under the age of five.

"It was quite neat. We gave them all little

buttons."

It was important to have things for the kids to do, she said.

"The goal was to have something for every age," said Goodger. "We had a number of new demonstrations this year, and I think people liked the variety."

In order to accommodate the volume of people, additional parking was set up in a field that allowed over 100 cars to park at a time. They restricted road parking to one side, reducing safety concerns.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said this year's Heritage day was another big success.

"We have absolutely stuck with the integrity of the event, which is demonstrating heritage arts, trades and crafts," she said. "We turn people away, [but] I think that's why this event has been a success."

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Above: Mia Kaneko-Crump, 3, plays at the museum after getting her face painted. Top left: Elinor Hamilton (left) teaches Tracy Gedies how to weave using a traditional loom. Top right: The 50/50 Band entertained visitors at the 10th annual Stanhope Heritage Day on July 21.

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Haliburton County Farmers' Market, 1-5 p.m.,
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By Mark Arike

When recording superstar Shania Twain endorses your tribute act, you know you've got a good thing going.

"I thought that was me! Donna is the best Shania Twain tribute out there."

It's that endorsement along with her uncanny ability to impersonate the Canadian legend that has led to a 17-year career for Donna Huber.

"I had this sense that I needed to do it," said Huber. "It was overwhelming."

Huber, who goes by the moniker Shania Twin, thought she had something worth pursuing when people began commenting about her appearance.

"People were saying, 'you look like Shania Twain,'" said Huber, who owned a bakery in the small village of Thessalon,

On. when her looks gained her attention.

With no clue as to who Twain was, she began doing some research.

Huber loved to sing like most of us, but had no professional experience. She found it intimidating enough to gather up the courage for a solo performance in church.

"It was too much for me. I was freaking out because I was so scared."

The first booking agent she approached turned her down because of her lack of singing experience. It wasn't until she recorded herself and submitted the audio that she was deemed ready.

The agent introduced Huber to a band and in March of 1996 they hit the road. Her travels have taken her throughout Canada, the U.S. and Europe.

What does it take to become Shania? Surprisingly, Huber is quite a natural at

pulling it off.

"To be honest, I didn't practice many of the moves, except a few where she spins around. The voice I've practiced because she has a very unique voice."

Despite the fact that she has done thousands of shows, Huber hasn't found a way to overcome her stage fright.

"I've been doing this for 17 years and I'm still a wreck every time I go on stage."

What Huber did get used to, however, was being out on the road. She travelled extensively while growing up because of her parents' line of work.

"My dad was in the retail business," she said. "I think I've moved about 18 times... I wish I could count how many schools I've been to, but I really don't know."

Huber said she struggled with moving so frequently, but admits it's helped her become the person she is today.

"I love to travel now, so it's great."

Huber has appeared on television and been featured in publications such as the National Post and National Enquirer, but meeting Twain was one of the most flattering experiences of all.

"I was freaking out again. I thought, 'oh my God, I can't believe I'm meeting Shania Twain.'"

The encounter took place at a luncheon, just into the first couple years of her career.

"She asked to meet me in the back hallway, and to be honest I don't remember anything she said because I was so freaked out."

It means a lot to Huber to have received such positive feedback from the pop icon.

"She's such a gracious woman and I'm

very thankful that she allowed us to do this for so long."

Having a strong band, said Huber, has been the key to her success.

"My band is just amazing. I've never gotten people that don't care about the show. I get really good players... We just go out there and have a really good time."

Although she finds performances nerve-racking, it's all worth it in the end.

"It's really about the children and it's really great meeting new people," she said.

One of her more memorable trips saw her perform for the Canadian Armed Forces in Bosnia.

"We wore bulletproof vests, we weren't allowed to walk without someone from the army with us... It was very intriguing to watch these men from one base to another. You could tell who went through a lot more or had seen a lot more."

She performed for disadvantaged children in Zagreb, also in Bosnia.

"These kids don't have limbs, they're poor, and they're on the streets. But they were the happiest little kids I've ever seen."

Huber will be bringing her act to Pinestone Resort on Aug. 3. There, guests can expect to hear a variety of Twain's songs, including popular hits like *Whose Bed Have Your Boots Been Under*, *You're Still the One* and *Man! I Feel Like a Woman*.

Huber promises "lots of energy, a few costume changes and a really great band."

"We're looking forward to working there," she said. "We're really excited and we're going to have a great time."

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We also want to thank Pat and Joan for their support and willingness to drive Dianne and our two grandchildren into Haliburton to get clothing, also for feeding us and giving us a place to sleep.

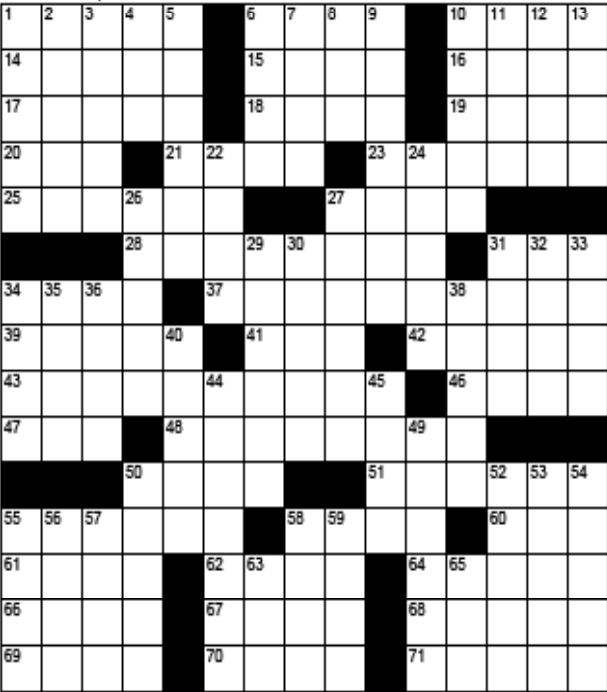
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ACROSS

- 1. Sees socially
- 6. Pedro's house
- 10. Firecracker sound
- 14. Rub out
- 15. Stench
- 16. Healing plant
- 17. ____ Pan
- 18. Breathe quickly
- 19. Psychic
- 20. Uno
- 21. News bit
- 23. Winter eave hanger
- 25. Deposit on teeth
- 27. Farm measure
- 28. Qualified
- 31. School group (abbr.)
- 34. Makes a hole
- 37. Ownership
- 39. Rewrites
- 41. Beerlike brew

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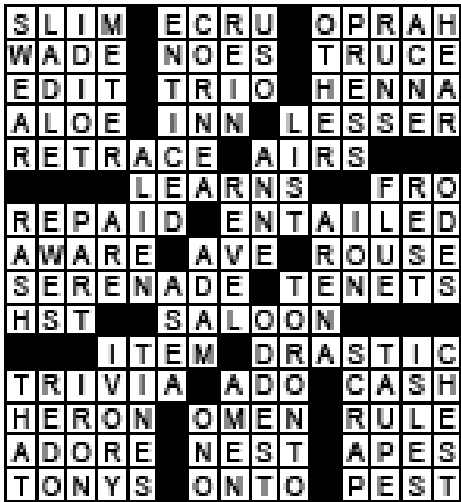
- 42. Doctrine
- 43. Tenacious
- 46. Scottish loch
- 47. Companion
- 48. Great conductors
- 50. Warsaw native
- 51. Relaxed (2 wds.)
- 55. Mountaineer's climb
- 58. Saved
- 60. Jazz instrument, for short
- 61. Keats or Tennyson
- 62. Cake decorator
- 64. Upper crust
- 66. She, in Madrid
- 67. Not ever, in verse
- 68. Speed checker
- 69. Valley
- 70. Slippery creatures
- 71. Used money

DOWN

- 1. Railroad station
- 2. Sports locale
- 3. Spud
- 4. WNW's opposite
- 5. Continuing story
- 6. Deal (with)
- 7. Eden resident
- 8. Daughter's brother
- 9. Magazine item
- 10. Count ____ of jazz
- 11. Baldwin or Guinness
- 12. Yule song
- 13. Richard ____ of "Chicago"
- 22. Stumble
- 24. Wave top
- 26. Exams
- 27. Not present
- 29. Pointed beard
- 30. The British ____
- 31. Evergreen tree
- 32. Little piggies
- 33. Colony insects
- 34. Johnny ____ of "Finding Neverland"
- 35. Conception
- 36. Female
- 38. ____ of humor
- 40. ____ Says
- 44. Soup cracker
- 45. Mouse catcher
- 49. Furry swimmers
- 50. Flower feature
- 52. Stage remark
- 53. The Devil
- 54. Put forth
- 55. Mimicked
- 56. Foot bottom
- 57. Jail room
- 58. Ship's bottom
- 59. Goofs
- 63. So-so grade
- 65. Drink like a dog

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Puzzle 1 (Medium, difficulty rating 1.45)

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- private 5,000 sq ft stone patio at the water

2315 Loop Road \$134,900



- 3 bedroom in town home
- walkout basement
- large back yard
- upgraded high efficiency oil furnace
- view of Dark Lake



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Big Hawk Lake - \$289,000



- Upgraded 3 bedroom cottage
- New \$80K cabin/bunkie
- Screened with lakeside porch
- Sand beach and deep water
- Panoramic southwestern view

Gull River Home - \$259,900



- Ideal retirement home
- 100 feet waterfront with south exposure
- Modern energy efficient
- 1,754 sq. ft. 2 bedroom, 2 bath
- Short boat ride to Gull Lake